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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

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Tomonari SENDAI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/611,229

Group Art Unit: 3737

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Examiner: Ruth S. Smith

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For: FLUORESCENCE OBSERVING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Species I (Figures 1-9), readable on claims 1, 3-4, 6-11, 19, 21-25, 27, 29-33, 35, 37-41, 43-49, 51-59, 61-66. This election is made without traverse.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 19, 22, 23, 27, 30, 31, 35, 38, 39, 43, 44 and 66 are generic.

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Timely and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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